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KC MAN SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY; FORFEITS MONEY, PROPERTY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, and will be required to forfeit a significant amount of property and money.

Hal B. Magice, 44, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Magice** to forfeit the following property, which was derived from the proceeds of that criminal conspiracy:

- * Approximately \$165,952, which was received in exchange for the distribution of cocaine, crack and marijuana. That money was seized at **Magice's** home and from a safety deposit box.
- * Proceeds from the sale of **Magice's** home, or funds equivalent to the value of the home, at 3502 Wabash in Kansas City.
- * Approximately \$1.9 million which was received in exchange for the distribution of cocaine, crack and marijuana.
- * Several vehicles, including a 1995 Ford pick-up, a 1991 Acura, a 1987 Mercedes and a 2001 Ford 4X4 Crew Cab.

On June 12, 2002, **Magice** pleaded guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Magice** admitted that he distributed cocaine to others from March 2000 to March 2002. **Magice** admitted that he sold large amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana from his residence at 3502 Wabash in Kansas City, Graves said. **Magice** also admitted that several guns found in his house belonged to him.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lajuana M. Counts. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Drug Enforcement

Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow